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TISSUE DISEASES

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Sir:

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- 1. PTO Form 1083 (1 pg.);
- 2. Request to Amend Priority Claim (1 pg.);
- 3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pgs.); and
- 4. Return Receipt Postcard.

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REQUEST TO AMEND PRIORITY CLAIM

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Sir:

Applicants are requesting herewith to correct priority claim of this application.

Applicants have incorrectly claimed benefit of both applications 09/934,970, filed August 21, 2001, and 09/643,138, filed August 21, 2000. The correct priority claim is only to 09/643,138, filed August 21, 2000. Applicants are submitting herewith newly executed Invention Declaration, which indicates the correct priority claim.

Applicants request that a corrected Filing Receipt by issued to reflect the change in priority claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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